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The Mormon pioneers, en route to their "Promised Valley" regularly were meeting trappers and traders all of whom spoke most discouragingly about this desolate region. One of these, Col. Jim Bridger, offered to give Brigham \$1,000 for the first ear of corn he could ripen in Salt Lake Valley.

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## THE TABERNACLE ORGAN IN 1911

**M**ORMONS GENERALLY regard the Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ as the "greatest, best-known and sweetest-toned instrument of its kind in the world"—and they may be quite right. It should be mentioned too, that it is one of the biggest with 11,814 pipes and five keyboards. Mostly, it is praised for its widely-recognized potential to stir the hearts of music lovers the world over.

The story of the Tabernacle Organ is one of vision, patience and determination. Joseph Ridges from Australia, who had learned about organs in England, brought one he had built in California to Salt Lake in 1857. Pres. Brigham Young liked it very much and having a nice, new tabernacle with no organ, he commissioned Elder Ridges to build one suitable for the new structure. The organ building took 12 years.

It had 1200 pipes when finished which is only about a fifth as many as it has now. These pipes were all of Utah wood and ranged from six inches in length to 32 feet. The biggest, the 32-foot stop, is the one that shakes the building even to this day. It took the builder almost a month to perfect this one pipe.

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# The President's Message

*By E. Morton Hill*



## President's Appreciation

**M**AY I TAKE this opportunity to express to you my appreciation for the privilege that I have had in serving as your president for the past year. It is also my desire to express to the members of the National Board my deep appreciation for their great help. These men have given untiringly of their talents and their time in carrying on the activities of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The society is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated men who are willing to give of themselves.

It was the desire of this board to have a closer association with the local chapters, and a big step in this direction was taken with an orientation meeting held May 8, 1971 with the local chapter presidents. At that meeting National Officers explained various projects of the national and we hope gave to the chapter officers a better understanding of the relationship between the chapters and the national.

Another orientation session is scheduled to be held in connection with the National Encampment at Logan, Utah, Friday afternoon, September 10. At this session it is anticipated that we will be able to hear from the chapter officers. If we are able to have a free exchange of ideas, we will all benefit and our society will grow.

It is proposed that at the National Encampment the constitution and by-laws of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers be amended to provide for the office of a president-elect. It is felt that by the creation of this office that there can be better and more consistent planning and our association will be strengthened.

The society has shown growth again this year, but we still need more members. We must attract younger men if we are to preserve our organization. We have a great organization, but let's not keep it a secret. Let's tell people about it, give them an opportunity to participate with us.

Rula joins with me in expressing our appreciation to the various chapters for the courtesies extended to us during our visits with them. Although we have not been able to visit each of the chapters this year, we still hope that we will be able to visit with the rest of them sometime in the future.

To the new officers who will be elected at the National Encampment, may I extend my congratulations and a pledge of cooperation and help during the next year.

you do not believe it go over to the Tabernacle some day and listen real hard.

—Church Information Service Photo



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## Pioneer Ponderings

**A**N INTERVIEW between Horace Greeley, editor of *The New York Tribune* and Brigham Young, governor of the Territory of Utah, on July 13, 1859, provides an interesting slant on slavery in the territory in those days:

"What is the position of your church with respect to slavery?" asked Mr. Greeley.

"We consider it of divine institution and not to be abolished until the curse pronounced on Ham shall have been removed from his descendants," Gov. Young replied.

"Are there any slaves now held in this territory?"

"There are some but not very many."

"Do your territorial laws uphold slavery?"

"If slaves are brought here by those who owned them in the states, we do not favor their escape from the services of their owners."

Mr. Greeley then asked: "Am I to infer that Utah, if admitted as a member of the Union, would be a slave state?"

Brigham replied: "No. On the contrary it would be a free state. Slavery here would be useless and unprofitable. I regard it generally as a curse to the masters. I myself, hire many laborers and pay them fair wages. I could not afford to own them. I can do better than subject myself to an obligation to feed and clothe their families, to provide care for them in sickness and other adversities. Utah is not adopted to slave labor."



**A REMARKABLE PROPHECY:** Lorenzo B. Young wrote in his journal that while he was in Kirtland in 1831, lying sick with a deadly malady, he was administered to by Hyrum Smith who promised him in the blessing that he would recover and go with the Saints to the Rocky Mountains and there perform a great work in establishing the Church in the Mountain West. The prophecy made a deep impression upon Lorenzo and Hyrum both, because there had been no announcement of plans to move the Mormons out of the United States into Mexican territory. The sick man recovered promptly and as history shows, Lorenzo Young did perform a great work in helping to make the desert wilderness blossom as a rose.



WHAT WE DO with our minds may seem to be strictly our own business but actually it is the business of all with whom we come in contact because upon the soundness of our judgments depends the future of us all.

## Brigham's Inspired Leadership

**O**F THE GREAT colonizers of history, Brigham Young has been given place among the foremost—and little wonder. Upon him rested the responsibility to lead a colony of 152 persons over a trackless wilderness, supply food and shelter for all who comprised that first colony and keep the whole wagon train moving with neatness and dispatch. And in the most difficult task of all he had to bury the many who died along the trail and comfort their weeping loved ones.

Besides these 152 who made up that first company of Mormon Pioneers who, in the summer of 1847, crossed the plains under Brigham's inspired leadership, there were thousands of others who were following their leader to this hoped-for place of refuge and peace. Even as the Saints approached the Rocky Mountains there were approximately 2,000 more at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa, 145 miles from the west bank of the Mississippi River. There was another colony 126 miles east of Council Bluffs; more than 6,000 others at Winter Quarters six miles from Omaha. All told there were 40,000 Mormons on the move between the British Isles and Emigration Canyon.

The judgment of scouts and trappers regarding the survival of all these people in this wilderness country was unanimously negative. Major Morris Harris said, among other discouraging facts about the Great Salt Lake Valley: "It is sandy and dry and destitute of timber and vegetation except for the sagebrush." Captain James Bridger thought it was impudent to bring a large population into the Great Basin until it was proved that grain and corn could be raised. He offered \$1,000 for the first ear of corn ripened in the valley.

But greater than human judgment, far exceeding man's experience, was Brigham Young's trust in God. In referring to the faith that guided him, he said:

"As I viewed the Salt Lake Valley, the spirit of light rested upon me, and I felt that there the Saints finally would find protection and safety."

The unwavering faith of that dauntless band of pioneers in a divine Providence, lives on imperishably among the sons and daughters of the Mormon pioneers. "The fortitude and heroism of their forebears has been and will continue to be a guide and an encouraging light to all who read their incomparable story." (David O. McKay in "Pathways to Happiness.")

Truly, they made the desert "to blossom as the rose and become a fruitful field," as their prophet had said, and become a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains."



## BUSINESS AXIOM

The easiest way to get to the top is to get to the bottom of things.



## *Murdock Artifacts: Monroe To Springdale*

# 6,580 Relics To Make Up "Live" Pioneer Village

By Reed Madsen  
(In The Deseret News)

MONROE, Sevier County—For a quarter of a century Wilford Murdock of Monroe has been quietly collecting a huge assortment of Pioneer artifacts and soon they will all be moved to Springdale to become an authentic early Utah town.

The extensive exhibit—inventoried at 6,580 items—has been acquired by Bumbleberry Enterprises, Inc., a group of successful business and professional men.

They have purchased the Grandma's Kitchen restaurant in Springdale adjacent to Zion National Park and will locate the Pioneer town on several acres nearby.

A special truck is being built to transport the historic buildings, pioneer tools, carriages and other artifacts from Monroe to Springdale. The move will begin this summer, but officials predict it will be two years before the town is open to the public.

### *A Living Town*

Angus Belliston, Salina, a member of the Bumbleberry board of directors, said it will be a "living" town with people manning the various shops. For example, there'll be a blacksmith working in the blacksmith shop and a shoemaker working at the shoemaker's bench.

"We plan to recreate an authentic early Utah town as it was a century ago," Belliston said. "If the kids want to ride a buckboard they'll be able to do it."

Murdock's collection has not been open to the public and few residents were aware that it is as extensive as it is. It has been described as the largest collection of Mormon Pioneer artifacts ever put together.

He began collecting the items, not with a commercial venture in mind, but because he felt "Pioneer artifacts should be preserved and not destroyed."



Ken Childs examines "beef gallows" used by Mormon pioneers at Kingston many years ago to "hang" beef for skinning. It is one of 6,580 items of the famous Murdock collection which will make up a "live" pioneer community to be established at Springdale. The "gallows" is believed to be the only one still in existence.

—Reed Madsen photo

### *Early Buildings*

The collection includes nearly a dozen early buildings, a complete country store from Beaver, Richfield's first post office, Monroe's first jail, an early saloon from Ephraim, a store from Annabella, a complete harness and shoe shop, hay mowers, wagons and carriages.

The shoemakers bench, the only one known to still be intact, was used in the United Order at Kingston. It dates back to about 1870.

The oldest piece of equipment is a hay mower hauled by pioneers from the Missouri River to Utah. There's a wagon that hauled Monroe's first town board president and his family across the plains, pulled by oxen.

### *Patent Medicines*

In the country store stand bottle after bottle of patent medicines. The "Oil of Life Liniment," according to the label, will cure a toothache, headache or backache in three minutes, rheumatism in five days, and cancer in three months. "It probably contains alcohol," Murdock said. "There isn't a bottle here that has ever frozen."

Murdock, his wife, a son and two daughters formed a corporation and traded the exhibit for stock in Bumbleberry Enterprises. The amount was not disclosed.

### NAUVOO INCORPORATED

Nauvoo, the Beautiful, was incorporated in December 1840. On the 16th of that month Gov. Thomas Carlin signed the bill. Stephen A. Douglas was secretary of state and Abraham Lincoln was a member of the legislature. Both had favored the bill.

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### *It Would Be A Shame To Miss It!*

## Ecampment At Logan September 10 & 11

Like all the others the Annual SUP Encampment at Logan, Sept. 10 & 11, will be another "greatest ever." This is what the elaborate program suggests; what with its location on the beautiful Utah State University campus and Cache Valley's many side attractions, it should be a conclave the participants will long remember.

The schedule, announced in the last edition of the Pioneer, is briefly as follows:

**FRIDAY:** Registration anytime in the USU Union with seminar at 2 p.m., Room 208-A, Central Building. Pioneer Supper with program 7 p.m. Walnut Room, \$4.00 per plate.

**SATURDAY:** Breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. National Board meeting 8 a.m. Historic threshing bee at Zollinger Farm, 10 a.m. Business meeting of delegates and election of 1971-72 officers, 2 p.m. Weaving demonstration and pottery making display for women, 2 p.m. in Room 114 and the Little Theater, respectively.

The President's Banquet and awards presentation 6:30 p.m. Walnut Room, \$4.00 per person.

Delegates will all be housed in the AAA-rated campus motel.

## Ear Wax Test Indicates American Indians Are Of Asian Extraction

To the science of genetics it is exciting news that dry ear wax is widely prevalent among the American Indians, reports United Press International in a dispatch out of New York.

Dr. Nicholas L. Petrakis came up with this news after an ear wax survey of 3,030 members of 16 North, Central and South American tribes. It is exciting because it is a powerful factual indication of where American Indians came from.

Ear wax is of two kinds, the dry and the wet, the latter being moist rather than dripping. Which kind any person has depends upon a pair

of genes one of which came from each parent.

If both are for dry ear wax, that person will have dry ear wax. If one of the pair is for wet ear wax, that person will have wet ear wax. The wet ear wax gene is a dominant one and the dry gene is recessive.

So much for the genetics of it. Now add these facts; wet ear wax is the usual ear wax in whites and Negroes. Dry ear wax is common among Asians descended from Mongols.

Therefore, the wide prevalence of dry ear wax among American Indians is seen as a factual proof that they are descendants of Asians.

## Where's Howard Hughes? Could He Be With His 'Mormon' Friends?

(From 'The Pony Express')

In the 19th century the greatest mystery of them all, in the country, was the "Lost Charley Ross." Now comes the lost Howard Hughes, with reams written, all speculating where he can be. All hold different opinions, none agreeing where he can be. So The Pony Express does its own speculating, and may not be worth a whoop.

Caesar said: "Let me have men about me that are fat." He didn't mean overweight, as much as strong and muscular. Howard Hughes doesn't want men about him that smoke and drink. He wants them sober at all times with heads free from narcotics of smoking though in mild form. He has a huge empire and wants clear thinking men. He has made inroads on the Mormon Church to find such men. Their religion does not countenance smoking and drinking so he has surrounded himself with such individuals. We understand five of his closest associates are Mormons. The manager at Los Angeles, who makes the snowballs, directs the Houston office, as well as Las Vegas. He is a Mormon. Whether in good health or bad, we don't think likely he's in Salt Lake City, among those who do not smoke and drink. But this is only conjecture. They never found Charley. Maybe they'll never find Howard. If the Mormons know, would they tell? What business is it of the giddy public anyway?

## WOMEN IN THE CHURCH (1969)

Approximately 484,453 women hold positions of leadership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is shown by reports from 1969 (last official). This service is divided among the four auxiliary organizations in which the feminine members participate, as follows: Primary—388,129 members, 75,921 officers and teachers; Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association—368,863 members, 50,121 officers and teachers; Sunday School—1,107,989 feminine members, 143,147 officers and teachers; Relief Society—325,042 members, 215,278 officers and teachers. Totals—2,190,023 enrolled, 484,453 officers and teachers.

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## Sunrise Service Opens July 24th Pioneer Day Fete

Several hundred early risers attended the Sons of Utah Pioneers traditional Sunrise Service, July 24 in the Temple View Theater moved to that site from Lindsay Gardens where it has been held for many years. The meeting opened the gala "Days of '47" observance for the day, one of the most extravagant and colorful of all-time.

"We stand on holy ground hallowed by the tread of pioneer feet," declared Elder Bruce R. McConkie, of the First Council of the Seventy, who was "orator of the day." Elder McConkie reminded his listeners that the primary purpose of the gathering of the Mormon Pioneers in this valley 124 years ago, was to obtain and secure religious freedom.

"That was no political or economic project Brigham Young led here in 1847," said the speaker. He quoted Brigham Young on the subject: "The people of the Lord have come here in order to worship God in their own way which is the way of peace and love."

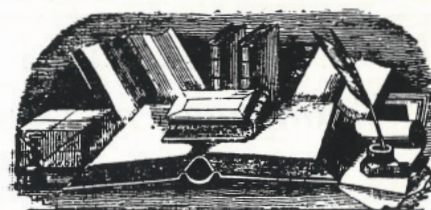
Elder McConkie quoted from Isaiah in the Old Testament which foretold the building of the Lord's house "in the tops of the mountains." He recalled the two great gatherings of the House of Israel; "The first was begun under the personal direction of the Prophet Moses and concluded with Joshua. The second was begun with the Prophet Joseph Smith and carried out by Brigham Young, a modern Joshua."

The Stars and Stripes was raised by the Mormon Battalion to start the meeting at 7 p.m. The Mormon Youth Chorus and Symphony gave the observance a thrilling blastoff with its rendition of the beloved pioneer hymn, "Come, Come Ye Saints."

## Why They Were Saints

Why were the Saints called Saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful; patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still; and kept silent when they wanted to talk and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.

—Published by Morehouse Barlow



## Jenson Encyclopedia

LDS Biographical Encyclopedia by Andrew Jenson, pioneer historian, a reprint of four volumes, \$50 plus \$1 postage, Zion Book publishers, a masterwork of Church history long since out of print.

Sam Weller of Zion Book has done western history students a profound favor in reprinting this tremendous work by the most prolific of Church historians. The writings of Andrew Jenson have enabled more students of western history to complete their research, than perhaps any other literary work. There has been a void on library shelves since this set of four volumes disappeared from circulation.

The LDS Biographical Encyclopedia was put out originally under dire personal sacrifice. The thoroughness and minute detail of the work has been a marvel to the reviewers for nearly half a century. It is throughout a creation of ardent devotion.

The work was never a money-maker, as many biographical productions are, but rather a book of remembrance of the accomplishments of great men and small men, who otherwise would perhaps never have been known to history.

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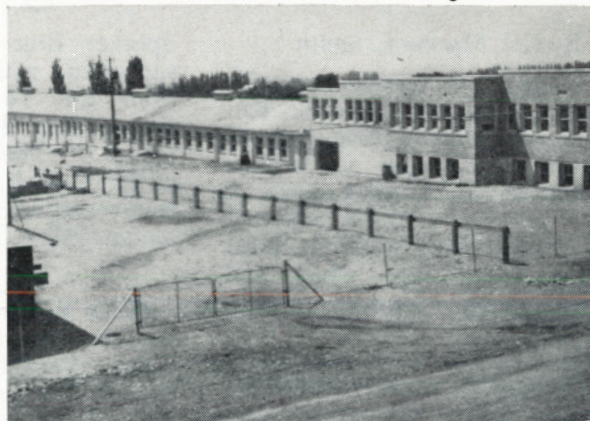


*Part I: East Mill Creek History*

# Baldwin Radio Plant \$2 Million Pioneer Industry



*Baldwin's First Plant and First Workers*



*The Factory When It Was Running Its Best*

By Joy F. Dunyon and  
F. Earl Walker

*East Mill Creek SUP Chapter*

To the pioneers, the beautiful mountain streams which flow into the valley were veritable fountains of life. Besides providing for their immediate needs, they watered their flocks, nourished their crops, and were a source of energy for power to motivate their early attempts at industrial development.

One of these streams, with its abundance of these benefits, became known as East Mill Creek, and was the original source of energy for what came to be one of this area's places of historical significance, the Baldwin Radio Plant.

Nathaniel Baldwin, scholar, inventor, writer, and philanthropist, spent much of his early years in the study of electricity and of the burgeoning development of radio. He had the vision to see that the latter would become an important factor in future communication. As early as 1914 he was developing a sensitive ear phone, something like a telephone receiver. He set two of these in a head band (his own invention) which held the receivers in place on the ears.

## *Water Power*

To manufacture his "head-set," Mr. Baldwin built a long, narrow,

lumber building on the north bank of the East Mill Creek stream at about 3470 South 23rd East. Here he diverted water from the stream to turn a paddle wheel which was hooked to an ingenious set of gears and turned the shafts of his machinery.

The radio received was an immediate success, and orders poured in from all over the United States and from foreign countries including Japan. He kept hiring more and more men and adding to his factory until, eventually, he employed 500 men. The then "high" wage of four dollars per day that he offered

brought men from as far away as Brigham City, Utah, and the business grew until he had to construct a new building—an impressive brick structure in the same area. The machinery was now powered by electricity from the Utah Power and Light Company.

As the orders continued to increase, so did the money. He was doing better than \$2 million a year. Mr. Baldwin loved to help his friends and he built fourteen, large, brick, homes on Evergreen Avenue and on the next street north of Evergreen for some of them. For himself, he constructed a mansion on the south side of Evergreen Avenue. He also provided these homes with water from his own water line.

## *Disaster Strikes*

When success seemed at the highest, disaster struck. He had been induced to form a stock company and to offer stock for sale. The timing was wrong, for the stock market crash of 1929 occurred and soon his stock was worthless. Since the company had used the mails to advertise, angered stock buyers sued the company officials for "using the mails to defraud." Mr. Baldwin, and several others in his company were convicted and sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary. And so terminated the Baldwin Radio Plant dynasty.



*Nathaniel Baldwin  
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## The Mormon Battalion On The March

# Scandinavia Tour Highlight Of Summer Activity

By Col. Marvin E. Smith

This has been another eventful summer with multiple Mormon Battalion activities taking place. Aug. 14 was Mormon Battalion day at Box Elder Flat in Mill Creek Canyon. A business meeting at 10 a.m. followed by a general meeting which included



Col. Smith

the wives and families. New assignments were made, and progress reported on the national trail project. Lewis Bros. Stages provided complimentary transportation from their bus depot to the canyon.

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The pioneer town of Lehi with its big community spirit and filled with real genuine citizens turned out to witness a large and colorful stock parade July 1, marking the opening of its annual Rodeo Rays. SUP chapter president Veron P. Curtis entered a covered wagon filled with some folks in pioneer costume.

Besides Pres. Curtis and his wife Alene, were Rose Ashton with Gladys Trane. On the third seat were Myrtle and Randal Schow followed by Suel and Wanda Bushman. Driver of the team was Wayne L. Allen.

Serving as an advance guard were four mounted Mormon Battalion men in uniform: Virgil H. Peterson, John M. Bushman, Ernest Peterson and Marvin E. Smith. The Lehi SUP chapter is commended for its participation in community activities.

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Congratulations to the Salt Lake Pioneer chapter for its transfer of the Sunrise Service from Lindsay Gardens to the Temple View Theater.

Speaker Bruce R. McConkie was supported with musical selections from the Youth Symphony and Youth Choir. The flag ceremony and pledge of allegiance were taken care of by Wendell D. Leavitt, acting executive officer, Kenneth P. Rasmussen and Allen Crow.

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Color Bearers for both the Brigham and Farmington Fiesta parades were Wendell D. Leavitt and Charlie Pomeroy. These took place July 17.

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### EVENTFUL JOURNEY

Many fine friendships were strengthened and new ones made on the delightfully cool summer tour of Scandinavia. Choice scenery of forested mountains, fjords, lakes, farms, neat homes and empty churches filled our cameras. The newest and prettiest church in Norway was the LDS Chapel in Bergen.

In Copenhagen, Denmark, Mission President Paul L. Pehrson invited a large group over for a happy visit on Sunday evening. Sierra Chapter President Ben Lofgren of Sacramento, Calif. and his wife Ruth, got to visit briefly with their missionary son in Sweden.

Sunday in London was spent at the famous Hyde Park Chapel. Some were able to get in a session at the Temple. While on tour, J. Elmo Ostler celebrated his 80th birthday, July 22 in Norway. Then on July 25 in London, he and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. This deserving couple received the congratulations of the group.

Our Mormon pilot from London to Oslo, after learning who comprised his passengers, flew much lower than usual so that we could enjoy the beautiful fjords along the coast line. He has a sister living in Salt Lake City.

### ABOUT THE TRAIL

An excellent series of articles on the Mormon Battalion trail tells of a recent commissioned tour by former State Historian Charles E. Peterson to historic places. The stories appeared in the Deseret News and were written by Paul Richards.

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Loren Michael Curtis of Lehi, and son of chapter president Veron P. Curtis, will leave Aug. 28 to fill an LDS mission to Ohio. He recently received honors during his military training as one of the outstanding graduates.


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Battalion members attending the annual SUP Encampment at Logan on Sept. 11 are asked to wear their uniforms at the President's Banquet.

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*In Sympathy:* Frederick Reese, 95-year old father of Col. Fred M. Reese died July 1. Nine children mourn the loss of this kindly gentleman who sang in the Tabernacle Choir for 51 years.

Loyal member of the battalion in Lehi, Dave Roberts passed away in July after a stay in the hospital. His activity and support will be missed.



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**UNION PACIFIC—WELLS FARGO HOLDUP**  
—Train robbers rode in gangs following construction of the first trans-continental railroads. The above scene enacted by Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, depicts holding up of Union Pacific's diamond stack No. 662. Guns are drawn on engineer and foreman; Wells Fargo messenger

falls out of door of mail car; Bell Starr, who rode fast and furious is directing blowing up of the Wells Fargo strong box; armed confederates are holding horses about ready to stampede; passengers with arms up high are being frisked. Photo courtesy Pony Express Library and Museum.

### ***Buffalo Bill Will Ride Again***

## **Wild West Show Revived by Nebraska as Tourist Attraction**

That grand old American tradition, the wild west show, is being revived by the state of Nebraska 60 years after Buffalo Bill Cody folded his famed extravaganza, reports the Associated Press in a dispatch out of Hollywood. The new show bears the same title as Cody's "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Rough Riders."

The famed "stampede" will feature generally the same spectacles: An Indian raid on a pioneer wagon train; a train robbery; an attack on a stage coach; a chuck wagon race; shooting competitions, etc. . . . The cast includes 78 cowboys, Indians, sharpshooters and cavalymen.

Backer for the revival is Montie Montana, Jr., son of the famed western star. He is a 33-year veteran of

rodeos and frontier entertainments. He has promoted western shows for the U.S. Department of Commerce to be presented overseas, and the State of Nebraska engaged him to restage the Cody show as a tourist attraction and a tribute to one of the state's most famous historic characters, says the AP news release.

The big spectacle opened July 29 at North Platte, the site of Cody's Ranch, where his first show was launched in 1883. The ranch is now a state monument and a \$250,000 stadium has built for this and other such entertainments.

The Buffalo Bill Wild West Show played all over the world from 1883 to 1911.

Promoter Montana believes a new trend in summer entertainment assures the success of his revival extravaganza. "During the past 15 years," he noted, "about two thirds of the nation's outdoor arenas have been built in support of a trend toward arena entertainment. The public has become accustomed to seeing spectacles in pleasant surroundings—adequate seating, convenient parking and easily accessible places. Also there is a trend toward reviving the story of the American pioneers and frontiersmen, especially the American Indian."

Montana has announced he will engage the services of authentic Indians for the show, not the Hollywood type.



# Chapter <sup>SUP</sup> Eternal

## Elias P. Forsgren

Elias Peter Forsgren, 83, long-time member and devoted worker in the Brigham City Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died July 4 in a Brigham City hospital, of natural causes.

Mr. Forsgren was a retired employee of the Big J Mill, Brigham City, where he worked for 47 years. He served on an LDS Mission to Sweden from 1910 to 1913. He was a member of the Sunday School superintendencies of the First and 11th Wards and was ward clerk of the Honeyville Ward for 11 years.

Always interested in boys programs, Mr. Forsgren devoted many years to scouting. He was high priest group leader in the First Ward for nine years.

He was born Jan. 12, 1888 to Peter Adolph and Elise Thomassen Forsgren. He married Agnes Rosalie Johnsen, Oct. 12, 1910 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors are: widow, daughter Mrs. Ralph (Le June) Maughan, Rupert, Ida.; seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 8 in the Brigham City First Ward Chapel and burial was in the Brigham City Cemetery.

## David B. Roberts

David B. Roberts, 81, long-time member of the Lehi Chapter Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion, died July 10 in a Salt Lake City hospital of natural causes. He was a brick mason and farmer by profession and was active in community affairs, especially in patriotic observances.

In church activities he was a high priest in the Lehi Eighth Ward and a regular patron of the Salt Lake Temple.

He was born July 20, 1889 at Lehi, a son of David R. and Mary Louisa Brown Roberts. He married Hazel Comer Sept. 6, 1911 in the Salt Lake Temple. He served on an LDS proselyting mission to Ohio in 1939-40.

Survivors include widow; sons, daughters: Earl C., Pleasant Grove; Reed C., Lehi; Virgil K., Mesa, Ariz.; Lu Prele Williams, Downey, Calif.; Mrs. A. Floyd (Alice) Butterfield, Riverton; 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Ilean Bridgman, Santa Monica, Calif.

Funeral services were held July 13 in the Wing Mortuary, Lehi and burial was in the City Cemetery.

## Edwin Quayle Cannon

Edwin Quayle Cannon, 84, member of the Salt Lake City Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died Aug. 3 at his home, 231 Salt Lake City, of natural causes. He was president of SUP in 1955.

Mr. Cannon served as president of the West German, LDS Mission and was president of Ensign Stake and bishop of the 20th Ward in Salt Lake City. He was a missionary for the Church in Germany from 1907 to 1910.

He was a member of the Utah House of Representatives from 1947 to 1949 and served three terms as a member of the Salt Lake County Commission, 1954 to 1964.

Active in a number of civic and business organizations, Mr. Cannon was president of the Business Men's Alliance of Salt Lake City for 20 years, president of the Salt Lake Stamp Co., member of the Kiwanis Club, former director of the Utah Manufacturers Association and past president of the Salt Lake Exchange Club. He also served as president of the Executives Club and was a member of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.

A son of Pres. George Q. Cannon, counselor in the First Presidency, and Eliza Tenney Cannon, he was born Sept. 7, 1886 in Salt Lake City. He married Luella Wareing on June 21, 1911 in the Salt Lake Temple.

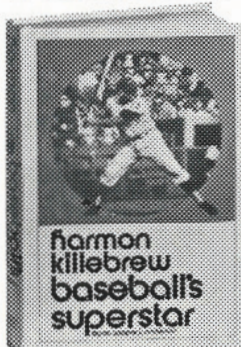
He attended the former LDS Business College and the University of Utah. For a number of years he worked as a telegraph operator for the Denver & Rio Grande, Union Pacific and Western Union.

Survivors include his widow; two sons and one daughter, Edwin Quayle Jr., William W. Cannon, Mrs. Robert H. (Mary Alice) Barnes, all Salt Lake City; 18 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and the following brothers, Clawson Y. Cannon, Provo; Wilford Y. Cannon, and Georgius Y. Cannon, both Salt Lake City.

Funeral services were held Aug. 6 in the 20th Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

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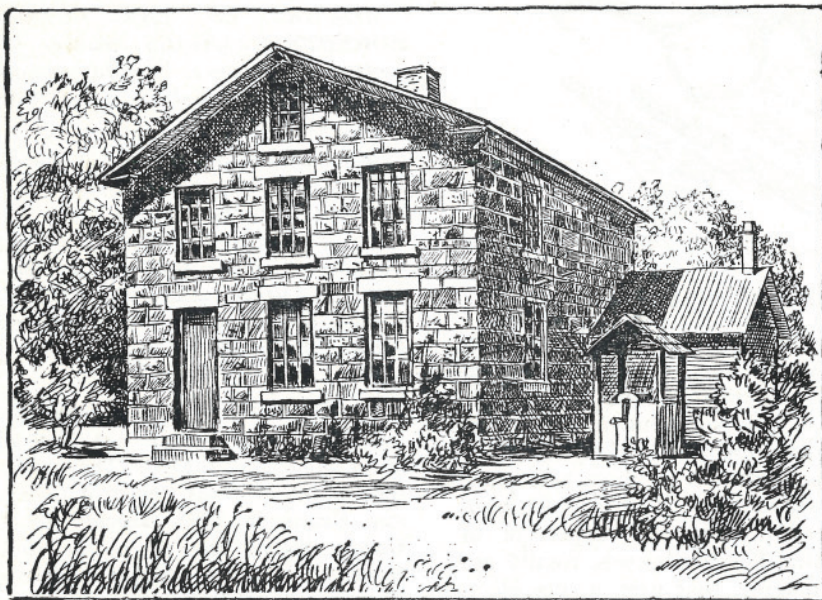
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Carthage Jail where Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith were killed by a mob on June 27, 1844. Joseph was then 39 years old and his brother was 44. Joseph and Hyrum were very dear to each other and worked together throughout their lives in all their duties and responsibilities. (Art courtesy Deseret News Library)

## A New Look At Utah History



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By O. N. Malmquist

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### Sec. 'Mack' Woolley And His Column Will Be Back Shortly

Missing from the pages of *The Pioneer* this edition, for the first time in many years, is that most-informative and well-written column "Picturesque Places And How They Got The Name" by T. M. (Mack) Woolley, our fine executive secretary and veteran columnist.



Mr. Woolley

"Mack" is recuperating at his home, following a major operation, an illness which gave his loved ones and many friends, quite a scare. It was a double jolt to the Woolley's, who, during this indisposition, lost a daughter following a long illness.

It is good to report that the indomitable Woolley spirit prevails, and the secretary—and his column—will be back in circulation forthwith and right away.

### Utah's Mental Health

Figures on the incidence of mental illness in Utah as compared to the average for the United States, the "15 Indices Report," show Utah with the best record of any state in the Union. The 1969 survey shows:

Utah's average daily resident patients per 100,000 population as 54.84; for the United States: 237.9. These figures, the latest to be reported, were derived from studies of 172 accredited hospitals.

### Seminary Report

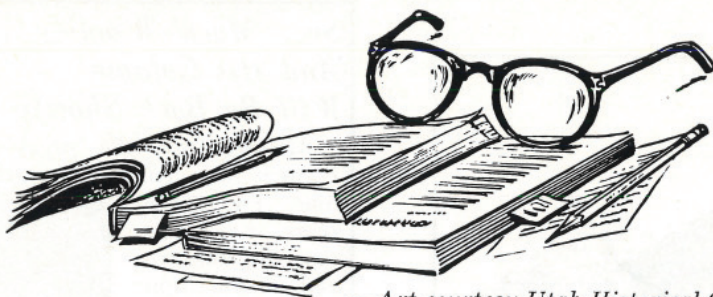
The Mormon Church operates 303 institutes of religion in 39 states and six foreign countries with a total enrollment of 44,005 (as of Dec. 31, 1970) and 2,688 non-released-time and 216 released-time seminaries in 50 states and 17 foreign countries with a total enrollment of 117,808. Total enrollment in both institutes and seminaries: 161,813.

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## "Americanization" of Utah For Statehood

*The "Americanization" of Utah For Statehood, by Gustive O. Larson, Huntington Library, San Marino, 1971. X\*328 pp.*

When President Cleveland issued the proclamation of January 4, 1896, admitting Utah as our forty-fifth state, the event marked for Utah the end of a long, turbulent territorial experience. In the eyes of the federal government the Mormon theocracy violated the doctrine of church-state separation; the Mormons, on the other hand, believed that the Constitution upheld their right to religious freedom, and refused to abandon their beliefs, even for the coveted prize of statehood. The issue was further confused by that second of the "twin relics of barbarism," polygamy. Gentile politicians and merchants were eager for a shade in Utah's political and economic spoils, a share that would be denied them so long as Utah remained under the domination of the Mormon church. The polygamy issue was made to order for their purposes, and under the guise of moral reform they enlisted federal support in a campaign to "Americanize" Utah, as the author puts it. The Mormons responded to this pressure with various forms of passive resistance, disappearing into the underground to avoid arrest and imprisonment as polygamists, or serving out their sentences only to return home as martyr-heroes, unshaken in their faith. No less impressive was the steadfastness of the Mormon women, the great majority of whom held firm in their beliefs during these difficult years.

The impasse could not, however, last indefinitely. It became increasingly evident that some accommodation of the Kingdom of God to the world around it — and of that world to the Mormons — must take place. The tireless work of the Mormon leadership, with the support of influential Gentile friends, finally produced terms that were acceptable to both sides, and the long-held dream of statehood became reality.

Professor Larson tells the story of these decades with clarity and conviction making use of Mormon publications such as the *Deseret News* as well as a number of unpublished letters and diaries. The result is a vivid narrative, and a timely one. "We have a right to survive; we have a duty to survive. It would be to the profit of the nation that we should survive," wrote Mormon leader George Q. Cannon. The year was 1887, but he could have been speaking today for any minority group claiming the right to make its contribution to society uninterrupted by intolerance and bigotry.

"No other historian has told the story of this conflict so well and with such documentation."

### Renowned Historian

Gustive O. Larson was born in Salt Lake City and graduated from the University of Utah. He was Mission President for the L.D.S. Church in Sweden during the thirties, and later became Director of an L.D.S. Institute of Religion. He is now Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University. Among his published works is the *Outline History of Utah and the Mormons*; he is also a frequent contributor to the *Utah Historical Quarterly*.

Ray Allen Billington

### FIRST HOUSE AT COMMERCE

The first house built by any of the Mormons at Commerce on the banks of the Mississippi, was erected by Theodore Turley in June 1839. The townsite then consisted of one stone house, three frame and two block houses, three of which were log cabins.

## Family History

*HISTORY OF THE BUNOT-ROBERTS FAMILIES, pioneer literature, 423 pages, 23 illustrations, Orem Press publisher; most book stores, \$12.00.*

A family history book of the Bunot-Roberts families, a three-year work of Fern Roberts Morgan, has just come off the press. It is beautifully illustrated with family portraits, coats of arms, and some original French documents that were brought across the plains, dating back to 1779.

The Bunot family served in the Napoleonic Army under the French kings as customs officers. They joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1858. Joseph A. A. Bunot crossed the plains in 1861. Bunot's daughter Sidone married Thomas H. Roberts, a pioneer of 1866, emigrating from Darby, England. These were Mrs. Morgan's grandparents.

The volume gets thoroughly eloquent when it comes down to our day, for example the part about Mrs. Jean (Jayann Morgan) who was second runner-up for the Mrs. America crown in 1968-69, who now has 12 children, also featured in the book.

Mrs. Morgan, wife of J. Rulon Morgan, Sons of Utah Pioneers former national president, member of the National Board and judge advocate, is also an art connoisseur. While attending the University of Utah Mrs. Morgan lived at the home of her grandmother Sidonie Bunot Roberts who told her about the life of Joseph Aime Auguste Bunot, a key figure in the historic narrative. The elder Bunot brought manuscripts, pictures and relics from France and stored them in the family home at Henefer.

The author gives credit to Mrs. Madelaine Teglassy of Brigham Young University who translated some of the French documents and to her aunt Mrs. Grace Roberts Reynolds who did genealogical research in France some time ago. —H.H.J.

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## On U.S. Register More Utah Sites Gain Distinction

The U. S. National Park Service has placed 10 more Utah sites on its National Register of Historic Places, according to an announcement by Melvin T. Smith, Utah preservation director.

The new designations are: Box Elder Stake Tabernacle, Brigham City; Corrine Methodist-Episcopal Church, Corrine; Old Irontown, 20 miles west of Cedar City; Brigham Young Farm House, 732 Ashton Ave., Salt Lake City; Council Hall, Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City; Stage Coach Inn, Fairfield; Watkins-Coleman-Tatge Home, Midway; St. George LDS Tabernacle, St. George; and Bertha Eccles Community Art Center, Ogden.

### South Utah Sites

Certificates designating these places on the Register of Historic Places, have been presented by Gov. Calvin L. Rampton. Several of these sites are in Piute and Washington Counties.

Six national register sites designated by the governor are: the Brigham Young Winter Home and Office, St. George; the Jacob Hamblin Home, Washington County; Cathedral of the Madeleine, 331 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City; the old Granite Paper Mill, 6900 Big Cottonwood Canyon Rd.; Ottinger Hall, 233 Canyon Rd.; and Kimball Hotel, stage shop and barns, Silver Creek Junction.

Pine Valley LDS Chapel, Pine Valley Tithing Office and the Washington Cotton Factory at St. George have been designated also the Piute County Courthouse in that community.

Named to the state register are the Lyric Theater, Logan; the Blood Home, Kaysville; Swasey Cabin District, Emery County; Rowland Hall, Salt Lake City; Orson Hyde House and Peter Monson House, Spring City; Parry Home, Manti; Thomas Judd Home, St. George; Stirling Home, Leeds; Scoville Broom Factory and Pioneer Electric Power Co., Ogden; Hole-in-the-Rock Trail, and Pony Express Trail.

Listed on the state's Century Home Register are the Huntsman-Nielsen Home, Fillmore; Bird Home, Mapleton, and Brooks Home, St. George.

## SUP IN LEHI RODEO PARADE



Wayne L. Allen drives SUP covered wagon in Lehi Rodeo parade. In wagon: Veron and Alene Curtis, Gladys Trane, Rose Ashton, Randal and Myrtle Schow and Suel and Wanda Bushman.



Mounted Mormon Battalion members in parade: (L to R) — John M. Bushman, Ernest Peterson, Col. Marvin E. Smith, Virgil Peterson.

### Names 21 Spots

The governor's Historical and Cultural Sites Review Committee has nominated 21 spots for positions on the national, state and century home registers, according to Dr. Milton C. Abrams, chairman of the committee.

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Ten spots throughout Utah were nominated to the state register by the committee. These include the president's house at Utah State University; the Old Rock Church in Parowan; the Enos A. Wall Mansion, part of the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City; Alpine Meeting House, Utah County; Camp Floyd, Utah County; Fort Rawlins, Provo; Thurber Relief Society Hall, Bicknell; the John Moses Browning Home, Ogden; the Barnes-Gibson Home, Kaysville and the Hastings Cutoff Trail.



## Lehi Chapter:

### New Officers Assume Posts

(The Lehi Free Press)

LEHI—New officers have been chosen to direct the affairs of the Lehi Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers. Veron Curtis, former vice president, is the new president, with J. Earl Smith as first vice president and Suel Bushman, second vice president. J. G. Cox is secretary.

The Cox', Smiths and Zimmermans are legend in Lehi Pioneer history. The original "History of Lehi" by Hamilton Gardner and George A. Goates, teems with photos and tales of Pioneer fortitude and vision involving these highly-respected families.

Pres. Curtis is a native of Salem, Utah, another Utah County town, sometimes called "Pondtown," on account of its characteristic and picturesque little lake by the highway as the traveler enters the community.

A cordial invitation is extended to those eligible to join the local chapter, says Pres. Curtis. There are many in the community who are descendants of the Mormon Pioneers, and also of Mormon Battalion members.

#### *Visit To Center*

A recent outstanding occasion was the program for Mormon Battalion members and their wives, at the Senior Citizens Center in Salt Lake City. Francis Urry, widely known actor and radio personality, entertained with impersonations and comedy readings.

Pres. Curtis is a well known electrician, following industrial construction for many years. He has worked with the Kennecott Company, Geneva Steel, at the Fort Douglas installation and numerous other large



*Lehi Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, has installed its 1971-72 officers as shown (L to R)—Jay G. Cox, secretary-treasurer; Vernon P. Curtis, president; J. Earl Smith, first vice president; Suel Bushman, second vice president. Leon Taylor is the retiring president.*

construction jobs. He became interested in electricity as a young lad and has practiced electrical work for over 50 years.

Keenly interested in historic records, Pres. Curtis has a wealth of pioneer background information in his family. Lyman Curtis, a scout, great-grandfather of Pres. Curtis, came into Salt Lake Valley two days in advance of Brigham Young and his group. Captain Nelson Higgins, another forbear, was in the original Mormon Battalion. There is also a relationship with two presidents of the United States: John Adams and John Quincy Adams. Maude

Adams, famed actress, was a third cousin.

#### *Varied Activities*

Mr. Curtis is active in the LDS Church and is currently the Teacher Trainer (In-Service Leader) in the Third Ward. He is also a home teacher. His wife is the former Alene Livingston, of Scottish descent and related to the famous English explorer, Dr. Livingston. The couple have six children: Norma, (Mrs. Peter Workman), now of Orem; LaRue, (Mrs. Dale Howard), Riverton; Lois, (Mrs. Wayne Neil), Lehi; Verlene, (Mrs. Wm. Moffett), Orem; Loren Michael, National Guardsman, now at Weber College; Donna, (Mrs. Robert Boren), Lehi. There are 25 grandchildren in the family circle.

#### *Schedule For Christmas On Temple Square (1971)*

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## Lehi Chapter History

# Old Sugar Town Camp Backs Treks

By John Martin Bushman

The Lehi Chapter, (Camp No. 262) of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers, was organized in July 1935, at Lehi, Utah. The following officers were elected: George S. Peterson, captain; LeRoy Davis, first lieutenant; John E. Colledge, second lieutenant; Joseph S. Robison, secretary; Ernest N. Webb, treasurer; Edward Southwick, chaplain; Andrew B. Anderson, historian; Joseph Coulam, song director.

For many months, following the organization, regular meetings were held with instructive and entertaining programs.

For a time the chapter drifted into inactivity. Then in 1947, the Centennial Year, a group of Lehi Sons of Utah Pioneer members went over the old Mormon Trail from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City. They camped out at some of the same places that President Brigham Young's group traveled in 1847.

Dr. William L. Worlton and Thomas F. Kirkham of Lehi went on this first trek. This trip brought the Lehi Chapter, into activity again.

A group of Lehi men met on Mar. 13, 1948 to reorganize the group. Dr. William L. Worlton was chosen president with E. N. Webb, first vice president; George Leany, second vice president; J. Maiben Stephenson, secretary & treasurer; J. William Wing, chaplain; A. B. Anderson, historian; and E. B. Garrett, chairman of membership; David Carson and Walter Webb, board members. This group worked together for a year and held regular meetings. Harold H. Jensen helped to reorganize this chapter.

On June 20, 1949, the Lehi Chapter met with their wives, at a banquet, and elected the following for the coming year. E. N. Webb, president; E. B. Garrett, first vice president; George Leany, second vice president; J. Maiben Stephenson, secretary & treasurer; David Carson, chaplain; A. B. Anderson, historian; Walter Webb, chairman of membership.

### Monthly Meetings

Lehi Chapter, with this group of officers, and their wives held month-

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## CHARTER MEMBERSHIP LEHI SUP CHAPTER

ly meetings at the members homes on the fourth Thursday night of each month. It is an active chapter today, meeting, with the wives, enjoying good programs and serving refreshments.

In the winter of 1949 and 1950 the National Sons of Utah Pioneer members from Utah and other western states, under the leadership of Pres. Fred E. H. Curtis, planned a trek by bus, through the America's Southwest. This trek was to commemorate the long march of the Mormon Battalion, which was organized on the banks of the Missouri River, early in 1846. Those that made this great trek from Lehi Chapter were: Dr. William L. Worlton, captain of Bus 5; Thomas F. Kirkham, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Leany, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bushman, Pres. and Mrs. Carlos Schow, and Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson G. Hunt III.

### The 1950 Caravan

The second trek of the S.U.P. and the largest, composed of nine buses and 310 Sons and their wives, participating in this 1950 caravan. They left Salt Lake City March 13, traveling to America's Southwest, to commemorate the long march of the Mormon Battalion. Elder Milton R. Hunter represented the General Authorities on this trek.

The travel schedule was as follows: South Rim of the Grand Can-

yon the first night, then on to Mesa, Arizona the second night. The third night to Yuma, Arizona where we marched in a parade, and attended a barbeque supper and program at the new L.D.S. Chapel being built there.

The trip then took the group to San Diego, and then on to Los Angeles. The highlight was a visit to Knott's Berry Farm. A large circle of covered wagons circled the platform for the program. Speaker was President George Albert Smith, of the L.D.S. Church; Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah, and Gov. Warren of California. Elders Joseph Fielding Smith and Harold B. Lee, apostles in the Church, were also in attendance. The last stop was at San Bernadina State Fair.

The chapter has made an outstanding record in supporting treks, especially in the days of "Bill" Worlton and "Tom" Kirkham, noted trekkers, both now deceased.

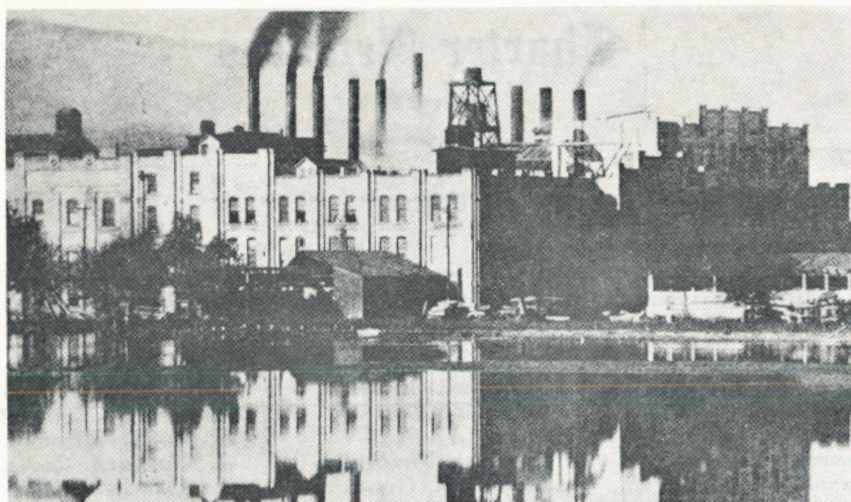
Under the direction of Veron Curtis, the new president, Lehi Chapter is preparing to launch a membership drive. It has been estimated that nearly half the male population of this Pioneer Sugar town, is eligible for membership in SUP.

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## How 'A Peddler' Got Control Of Central Pacific

Collis P. Huntington (1820-1900), the "itinerant peddler," from the Nutmeg State, came to California in 1849, finding more money in hardware than in groceries and whiskey.

At 54 "K" Street, Sacramento, he ran his store, where Mark Hopkins, from Placerville, joined him in 1854. Here the groundwork was laid for building the Central Pacific Railroad, after repeated calls by Theodore Judah. Had it not been for the efforts of this engineer, who had already built the Sacramento Valley Railroad to Folsom, the "Big Four" of railroad fame would never have been known.

After the death of Leland Stanford in 1893 it is said, "C. P. got control of the S. P. by buying Jane Stanford's stock." He then owned just about everything from San Francisco to New Orleans with offices in New York. Hetty Green and her son, Col. Ned Green, had a first class hassle with C. P. over control of railroads in Texas. —The Pony Express

## Prominent SUP Chosen For Pediatric Position

Dr. Joseph R. Newton, 2015-13th East St., Salt Lake City, member of the Pioneer Chapter of the SUP, Salt Lake City, has been elected Utah Chapter chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics, it was announced at the national convention of the organization held at Evanston, Ill.

The chapter in Utah carries out the objectives of the AAP at both state and local levels. The academy, with approximately 12,000 members in the United States, the professional association of Canada and Latin America, is certified in the care of infants, children and adolescents.



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## Our Readers Write

### Secret Of America's Greatness

Several years ago Leo Hubermann wrote an article in which he likened the United States to a great magnet, and he asked, "Have you ever played with a magnet and watched the iron filings leap across the board and attach themselves to the magnet?"

Well, we are living within this great magnet of some 2500 miles long and 1500 miles wide, which has drawn to its shores, not iron filings, but individuals of every race and color, white, black, yellow and brown, who joined the red men already here, and which became the greatest commonwealth of free people the world has ever known; who were free to act for themselves, and enjoy the right of free speech, free press; the right to enjoy the fruits of their labors, and the privilege of worshiping God without restraint; and which commonwealth became the greatest nation upon the earth as foretold by Book of Mormon prophets who lived upon this land some 2000 years ago. And this nation made of the best blood of other nations will remain a great nation if its people will serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ.

This thought is sustained by a statement made by Roger W. Babson, a noted statistician sometime before his death, when he visited the Argentine Republic. As he sat on the sunporch overlooking the river, he and the president of Argentina, the President asked: "Mr. Babson, how is it that South America is so far behind North America in development?" And then he went on to explain that South America had great mines of silver, gold, lead, zinc and other metals; great blocks of alfalfa and grazing lands; vast forests and water power in its river equalling that of Niagara Falls."

Then Mr. Babson turned the question, and asked, "What do you think is the reason, Mr. President?" And the President said, "I have come to the conclusion that South America was settled by the Spanish and others who came here in search of gold, but North America was settled by the Pilgrim Fathers and

others who went there in search of God."

And then Roger Babson later offered this bit of advice to the American people,—“Let us not kick down the ladder by which we climbed up, and let us always remember the true source of America's strength and greatness.”

Within this great magnet or nation has been created a small magnet or nation has been created a small magnet or stone, which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream as told in the second chapter of Daniel, and which magnet or stone was to gather to it, not iron filings, but people and become a great mountain that would fill the earth as foretold by Isaiah.

—S. Roy Chipman

## Seminar Most Helpful

May I express my appreciation for the seminar for chapter presidents and representatives held at Pioneer Village, May 8. This is something the SUP has needed for a long time as a guide and stimulant. It should do much to spur our chapters on to operate in a uniform and harmonious manner with the national board.

The loose-leaf handbook, conveniently arranged to provide for changes that might be made from year to year, is a masterwork. Dr. Orson Wright has done a magnificent work with the manual as he did in conducting the seminar. Now, if the chapter leaders will follow the script, the general impact will be to give unity, vision and enthusiasm to each and every group.

The whole presentation, along with the Presidents Banquet, made me feel mighty proud to be engaged in the pleasing activities of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

—Long-Ago Chapter President



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## Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson

Motion picture travelogues, especially with the Old West atmosphere are coming back strong, report booking agents. Recently at Western Electric, formerly the Fox Studios little screen room, this reporter reviewed "Down The Wild River" with Jack Currey, narrator and producer present.

This picturesque feature, filmed in color by two Salt Lake City doctors, required seven years to make. It features the hazardous boat trip down the Colorado River along with several other South American rapid streams. This film must be rated as one of the best circulated in the Mountain West at any time.

Another natural life breath-taker coming up soon is "The Impossible Journey," the story of Utah's awesome and the amazing Hole in the Rock.

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The never-equalled, miraculous infantry march of The Mormon Battalion would make a film masterwork if done by someone who has an understanding of the nature and the mission of these sturdy trekkers. It would be most fitting if the proposed production could be released along about the time the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion figure to re-enact the historic 2,000-mile journey.

It is said that Cecil B. DeMille had this story in mind, expressing considerable interest in it, shortly before he died. Your historian made the suggestion in speaking at Mt. Pisgah during the 1947 Centennial Trek of the SUP.

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It was good to see in the Ogden Standard-Examiner a report that Ogden's Old Folks Committee has decided to carry on Old Folks Day annually at Lorin Farr Park. If C. R.

Savage, founder of Utah's historical Old Folks Day were still around, he would give the loudest applause for this worthy project. Turning over Old Folks Day, as held each year in Liberty Park, to the wards and stakes of the Church, made a lot of old timers very, very sad.

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Ogden's SUP Luncheon Club, reports Pres. John Shaw, has donated \$500.00 to the Weber College Library for books about pioneer Utah and Mormon history. The "500-grand" could scarcely be put to a better purpose. This chapter recently held a sumptuous banquet at the Graycliff which was attended by a number of national officers.

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Members of the National Board also attended a recent banquet of the Temple Fork and Jefferson Hunt chapters. Similarly, the joint-chapter dinner idea was tried out by the East Mill Creek and Temple Quarry Chapters. Both functions were exceptionally-well attended.

By Harold H. Jenson  
SUP Historian

### Historic Beaver Court House Will Be Restored

The 89-year-old Beaver County Court House, nominated as a Utah historic shrine, will be restored and continue in use as a county office building, county officials at Beaver City, have decided.

"If we can raise the money through a bond issue or other means, we hope to restore the building as close to its original state as possible," said Richard Jefferson of Milford, chairman of the county commission.

An architectural and engineering study has determined that the structure is basically sound, foundation and walls. The third floor will not be used. The second floor, now a court room, would become a museum and visitors center, while the first floor would house county offices. A new annex adjacent to the old building would house the court.

The Utah Historical Society, it was announced, has committed some funds for the restoration.



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## *Junior Division SUP Award-Winning Story*

# Pioneer Experiences of Grandma Passey

*By Judy Allen*

"Grandma" Passey, as she was affectionately known throughout the vast Cache Valley country, was born July 31, 1852, in Crule Lincolnshire, England, the oldest child of John and Hannah Pettinger Clifton. She was given the grand old English name of Elizabeth. There were three girls and three boys in the family.

In 1860, at the age of eight Elizabeth, along with her parents and brothers and sisters came to America. They set out for America in a sailing vessel. It took them nine weeks to cross the Atlantic.

They arrived in New York and stayed until 1861. Then they came to Winter Quarters (Florence, Neb.) by steamboat. Here they were met by a Utah emigrant train of wagons and ox teams. Richard Horne was captain of the company and had his people well organized for the trip. The distance was 1,000 miles. Grandma and her brother George walked all the way, being allowed in the wagons only when fording the rivers and larger streams. Ten miles a day was the average distance traveled.

The Clifton wagon was shared by another family; a young man, his wife, a little boy, and his wife's mother. During the trip the young woman gave birth to a daughter. One day as the wagon moved slowly along, an elderly lady climbed upon the brake bar to look in at the new arrival. A jolt of the wagon caused her to slip and fall. The wheel of the wagon passed over her body and she died a few hours later. She was buried by the roadside.

The only Indians observed along the way were seen swimming in the Platte River. The children helped gather buffalo chips and bits of wood for fuel. At night the children always slept on the ground under the wagon. Usually they were put to sleep by the howl of a coyote or by the rustle of the night wind.

After arriving in Utah they lived in Ogden. Later they moved to Willard, where they stayed for two years. Her father acquired an ox, a cow, and an old wagon.

### *Settled Bear Lake*

In the fall of 1863 this equipment made possible their movement to the unsettled valley of Bear Lake. They

practically built the roads and bridges as they went.

They arrived in Paris, Oct. 6, 1863. They built a crude house out of the cottonwood trees nearby. The house was covered with a dirt roof which made things unpleasant inside every time it rained. A hard dirt floor with a hole dug in the center for the fire was another luxury.

That fall Grandpa Passey went to Cache Valley to get the winter supply of flour.

During the first winter, there was no church building or other center for the 25 families living there. Meetings were held occasionally in the log



*Elizabeth Clifton Passey  
... beloved pioneer 'grandma'*

homes. When summer came a bowery was built and used for the first time on July 4.

By February, supplies were very low with some families, so when a steer fell through the ice on Bear Lake and drowned, he was hauled out, cut up, and divided among the needy. Although the meat was black, it looked good to the hungry children. It was cut off the bone and dried around the fire. The bones were saved and boiled from time to time for flavoring beans or to thicken gravy whenever enough flour was available. By May, supplies were scarce and one night Grandma heard her parents discussing the total lack of food for the children's breakfast. They only had one quart of flour left. They decided to keep the children in bed all day to avoid extreme hunger while her father and a neighbor, Mr. Buffin, went in search of food. They finally caught some fish at Spring Creek.

### *More Settlers*

In 1864 and 1865, Liberty, Ovid, Montpelier, St. Charles, and Bloomington were settled, and several fam-

ilies added to the population of Paris.

In 1866, when Grandma was 14, she tried to be self supporting by tending babies for a busy mother, doing housework and nursing. At 15, in payment, she was given a spinning wheel. With this she was hired out by the week spinning the cloth for dresses, sheets, etc. She spun all day long at the rate of \$2.00 per week, and dinners. From this time on she needed no help from her father.

On September 28, 1874, Grandma and Grandpa Passey were married in the "Endowment House" in Salt Lake City.

They first built a four room house where they lived for several years. As their family increased, plans were laid for the large two-story frame house that still marks the old homestead. Here they spent 39 years of happily married life.

### *Historic Street*

Towards the close of their years at the old homestead, Grandpa's health began to fail and they thought it advisable to turn the farm and large home to the boys and obtain a smaller one downtown. They purchased the present home on what could be well called "Passey Street." From the very beginning of the settlement, we know of no Passey in Paris who has lived very long on any other street.

When Grandma was nearly 60 she underwent a critical operation. A total of 128 gallstones were removed.

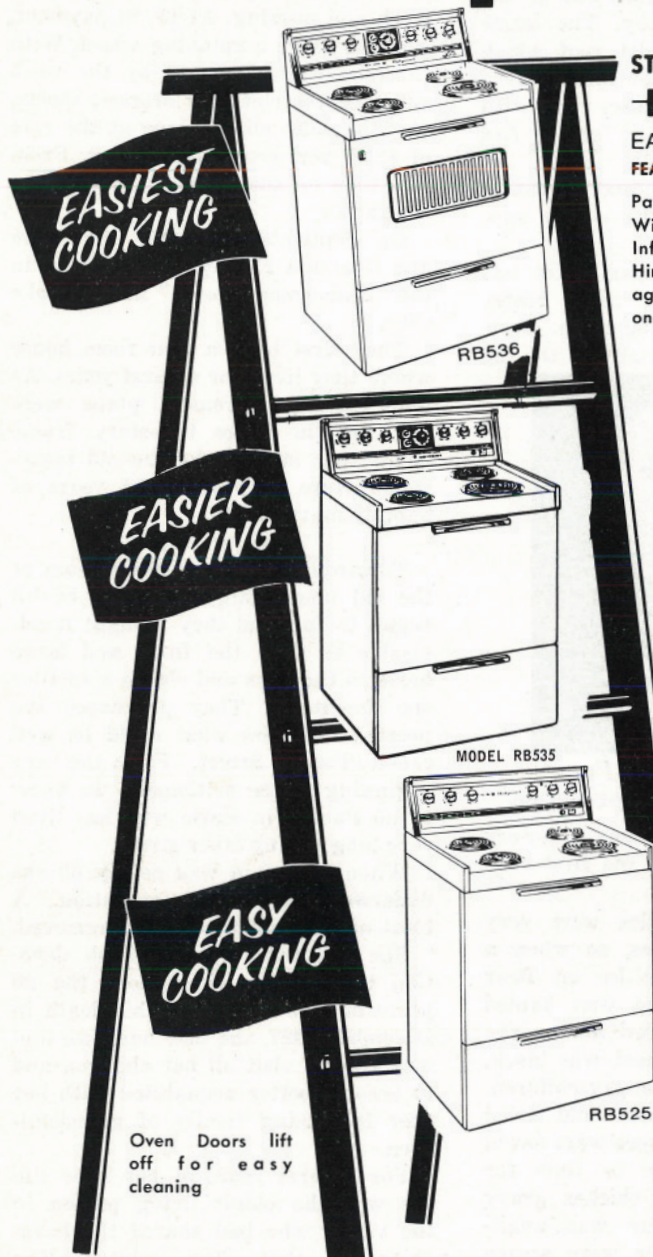
She continued her unselfish devotion to Grandpa throughout the 20 years he was sick. After his death in December 1927, she now had time and was free to visit all her children and to become better acquainted with her ever increasing family of grandchildren.

For several years of her later life she was the oldest living person in the valley who had shared the hardships of that first winter. The "Daughters of the Pioneers" in Paris named their organization "Camp Elizabeth" in her honor.

Grandma died on June 13, 1934, just a few weeks before her eighty-second birthday. Her older grandchildren remember her for the cheery welcome into her home, for the little old family "high-chair" which she always brought out for them to sit in. But more especially do they remember her "cookie-can" and her liberal spread of jam on bread.



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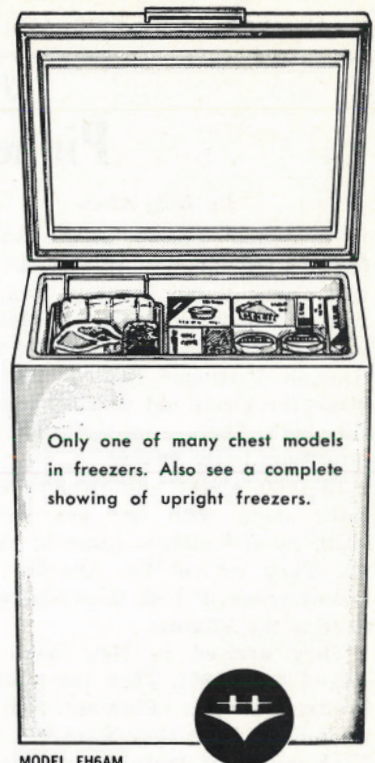
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